

GENERAL MINING NEWS.

The Fourth of July Mine and a Sketch of Its Career During the Past Year.

The Major Budd to be Exported Again---Sinking on the Southern Cross.

An Important Mining Deal at Castle Mountain---The Cumberland Shaft to Go Down Deeper.

The week in mining circles in Helena has been one of great interest. Never has there been so much activity than was experienced during the present year and all the enterprises of note have been inaugurated and consummated in this city, the financial centre of the state. The event of most importance during the week has been the reorganization of the Fourth of July company. Their property is situated in what is known as the Okanagan country, which is in the state of Washington, and only forty miles from the British boundary line. During the summer months, when the property was a mere prospect, but showing rich ore in limited quantities, an effort was made by Mr. J. K. Fardee to dispose of it to a company of Helena capitalists. A sufficient number of gentlemen agreed to buy the property if it proved to be worth the price asked for it, and to determine this point Capt. John W. Plummer was employed to make an examination. This he did and reported that while the ore was rich, the development on the prospect did not warrant the outlay of the sum of money asked for its purchase. The deal was off though, but Mr. Fardee and Mr. Pardee were not disengaged. They immediately went to work and vigorously prosecuted development by running levels on the vein for a distance of 350 feet and put the shaft down to the 100-foot point. The result was more than anticipated and the gentlemen engaged to take the property before the first to become interested in it when the mine in its present condition was shown to them and the smaller returns from ore shipped were made known. Since the deal was made all of the capital stock has been taken up at 25 cents per share, and the treasury stock amounting to \$20,000 shares will be started at 50 or 75 cents per share, and who got in on the "ground floor" consider themselves fortunate. Machinery is being negotiated for and will be shipped to the mine without much delay and work will be prosecuted with vigor.

The Fourth of July company will meet today to perfect the organization of the company, such as the election of officers and mapping out a plan of operations for the future.

Mr. Ed. L. Zimmerman returned yesterday from Butte. He took Mr. A. E. Enrich to the Major Budd mine who will soon make a report. Mr. Enrich is considered a reliable mining expert, whose knowledge of ore is not exceeded in this country. Mr. Zimmerman believes he has a great property. Experienced men are constantly employed on the mine.

President Harris of the Southern Cross says the company will soon begin sinking another 100 feet in the prospect shaft and at that point shows up as rich and strong as it does in the present workings. It is planned to sink a new shaft, a second perpendicular shaft and systematically work the mine. The present shaft is down 250 feet on an incline. A whin is the only machinery on the mine now. The showing of ore is remarkably large. Mr. Harris says if the vein at the 350 foot point is equally as rich as that on the 250 and 100 levels, he will consider himself worth \$1,000,000.

Work on the C. R. & N. continues to progress and promising but favorable reports come from there. At Missoula during the week a block of the shares went at 30 cents per share.

The directors of the Helena & Livingston Mining & Reduction company met yesterday and elected officers for the year as follows: President, S. T. Hauser; vice-president, John T. Murphy; treasurer, A. J. Seigman; secretary, O. R. Allen.

Notes from Castle.

CASILE, Dec. 21.—[Special.]—Though nearly in midwinter and deep snow, the outlook for this district is brighter than it ever has been. The turning out of over 800 tons of bullion in less than sixty days by the Cumberland company and payment of a 3 cents per share dividend, opened the eyes of the people regarding these mines. And now the report comes from Billings that they were hardly within speaking distance of each other, so Maguire was shown to a seat in the very front row of the dress circle. There he soon lopped over and went to sleep, lulled to rest by the soporific qualities of the play. His prominent position in the house annoyed Mr. Henley, the leading gentleman of the troupe, and he sent the stage boy to Manager Jake Gottlob with the sarcastic message: "Tell that man in the front row of the dress circle that he would be more comfortable in one of the boxes."

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AN INTERESTING DRAMA.

How Manager John Maguire Enjoyed a Performance at Trico.

John Maguire, one of the Grand opera houses, drifted into the Bush Street theatre one night last week to see "Kleopatra," which was the Examiner. The people in the house were so few and far between that they were hardly within speaking distance of each other, so Maguire was shown to a seat in the very front row of the dress circle. There he soon lopped over and went to sleep, lulled to rest by the soporific qualities of the play. His prominent position in the house annoyed Mr. Henley, the leading gentleman of the troupe, and he sent the stage boy to Manager Jake Gottlob with the sarcastic message: "Tell that man in the front row of the dress circle that he would be more comfortable in one of the boxes."

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FOOD AND SLEEP.

Don't Go to Bed With an Empty Stomach, Says an Authority.

Going to bed with a well-filled stomach is the essential prerequisite of refreshing slumber. The cautions so often reiterated in old medical journals against "late suppers" were directed chiefly to the bibulous habits of those early times. When at very late feasts the guests not unadvisedly drank themselves under the table or needed strong assistance to reach their couch, the canon against such indulgence was not untimely. Nature and common sense teach us that a full stomach is essential to quiet repose, says the National Analyst. Every man who has found it difficult to keep awake after a hearty dinner has answered the question for himself. There are few animals that can be trained to rest until after they are fed. Man, as he comes into the world, presents a condition it would be well for him to follow in all his after life. The sweetest minstrel ever sent out of Paradise cannot sing a new born baby to sleep on an empty stomach. We have known reckless nurses to give the little one a dose of paregoric or sooth-ing gruel a platter of cold meat when it was too much trouble to get the latte, but this is the one alternative. The little stomach of the sleeping child, as it becomes gradually empty, folds on itself in plait; two of these make it restless; three will open its eyes, but by careful soothing these may be closed again; four plait, and the child will be wide awake, and unable to sleep in that household until that child has been fed! It seems to us so strange that with this example before their eyes full-grown men are slow to learn the lesson. The farmer does it for his pigs, who would squeal all night if they were not fed at the last moment, and the grooms knows that his horse will paw in his stall if he goes to bed without a feed. But when he tries to sleep himself he never seems to think of it. To sleep, the fullness of the blood must leave the head; to digest the eaten food the blood must come to the stomach. Thus, sleep and digestion are natural allies; one helps the other. Man, by long practice, will train himself to sleep easily, but a man who makes himself to sleep after a comfortable meal wakes strengthened, and his appetite has been quickened by that preceding indulgence. The difficulty in recovery comes from the fact that we are such creatures of our habits, it is impossible to break away from them without a persistent effort. The author of the article has written nothing like our correspondent, after 6 o'clock, and retires at 10 or 11, takes to bed an empty stomach upon which the action of the gastric juices makes him uncomfortable all the night. If he proposes to try our experiment, he will sit down and eat a tolerably heavy meal. He is accustomed to this at the time and does not mind doing it with it. He may try it once or twice, or even longer, and then he gives it up, satisfied that for him it is a failure. The true course is to begin with just one or two mouthfuls the last thing before going to bed. And this should be light food easily digested, such as a piece of cold roast beef, cold lamb, cold chicken and a little crust of bread will do to begin with; or, what is better yet, a spoonful or two of Borden's condensed milk (not sweetened) that comes in cans) in three times as much water. Into this can half a pared peach and two or three squares of good cheese, and a few marshmallows, six-tenths of what would be a light lunch. Increase this very gradually, until at the end of a month or six weeks the patient may indulge in a bowl of milk, two peaches, with half a hard roll or crust of home-made bread. When peaches are in season, a nice baked apple with a little milk or strawberries come, and eat the latter till peaches return again. This is the secret of our health and vitality. We often work until after midnight, but eating the comfortable meal is the last thing we do every night of the year. This is not an unusual experience, but we are not the only ones that do it.

We have a record of several hundred persons who have tried the remedy we suggest, and it has failed in no single instance where the initial steps were taken with caution and judgment. It is nature's own suggestion, and sleep after eating is as natural as grass after rain in the desert fields of California.

They Fear Pedro's Influence.

LISBON, Dec. 22.—It is reported the Portuguese are anxious for Dom Pedro to return to Portugal. The estimation which the people of Brazil accepted the overthrow of the empire and the establishment of the republic encourages the radicals of Lisbon to believe they will eventually have a quiet and bloodless revolution in Portugal.

The Crime of a Drunkard.

OWATONNA, MINN., Dec. 22.—Christ Batz, a worthless character, to-day killed his wife and then suicided in a fit of drunken rage.

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